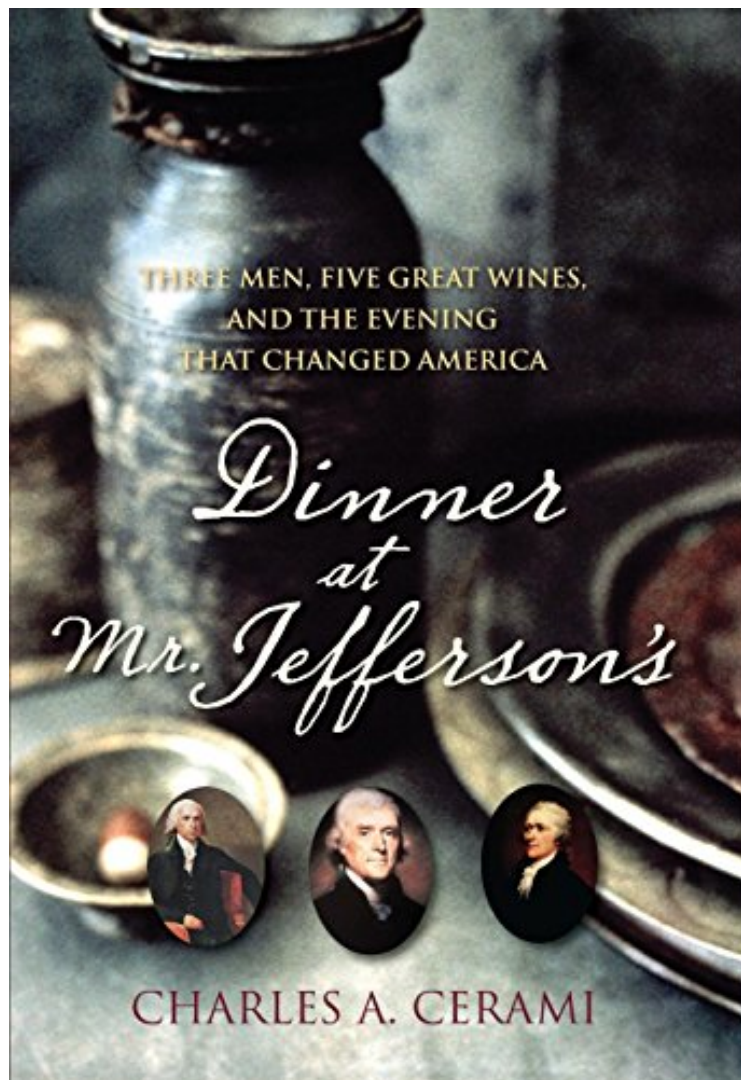


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It was a terrific meal.By Gregory G.This was certainly a significant

meal with three of the pivotal characters of the early days of our nation. Jefferson, Madison, and Hamilton all at one table. Hamilton did not get along with either Madison or Jefferson but they came together that night and made compromises. What to do with our national debt and the place for the nation's capital were decided that evening. I was disappointed in this book. The characters have little life. Joseph Ellis handles this in one very exciting chapter but Cerami's book seems lifeless and perfunctory. This book presents neither new insights nor exciting connections. Stick with the Ellis chapter. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing. Other reviewers have highlighted all my major complaints ...By Philip G Gengenbach Disappointing. Other reviewers have highlighted all my major complaints, but I'll be searching elsewhere for the exciting, fascinating treatment this significant event deserves. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Recipes From Jefferson By Virginia E. Selanik This is a fascinating book if you want recipes from Jefferson's cuisine, but if you want more historical detail of how our capital became Washington D.C. or how Jefferson and Hamilton did sometimes agree, even though their political views were oft afar, then this book is not very helpful. I was attracted to this book because it was about President Jefferson who has been my idol for many years. But I have numerous other books on Jefferson, so the prime reason was that this book held a recipe for, of all things, Stuffed Cabbage. The recipe is unlike what most people make for this recipe, i.e separate little cabbage rolls of a meat filling wrapped in a cabbage leaf. This recipe calls for a different approach. The core of the cabbage is cut out and makes room with some leaves pushed out to make room for the entire meat filling. Then the cabbage is tied up and cooked for about two hours until the meat is cooked. For serving the cabbage is then cut into wedges...sounds doable...I am willing to try it. There are some other recipes also worth a try plus comments on Jefferson's choice selection of wines.

Cerami wittily recounts the evening in rich detail. Library Journal Only two guests were invited to what was arguably the most elegant, sumptuous, and important dinner party that Thomas Jefferson ever hosted. Each course was prepared and laid out in advance so that no servants would enter the dining room to disrupt conversation and overhear random remarks, which they might later repeat to others. Privacy was imperative. Jefferson believed that the very future of the United States of America depended on convincing Alexander Hamilton to agree to a compromise he and Madison were proposing on two issues that threatened to tear the young republic apart. Plying his guests with the fine wine and exquisite cuisine only a former ambassador to France could provide, Jefferson set the stage for a compromise that enabled the federal government to pay its debts, both domestic and foreign, and make the American dollar ""as good as gold."" In Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's, you'll discover the little-known story behind this pivotal evening in American history, complete with wine lists, recipes, and wonderful illustrations of 1790s New York, then the nation's capital. It is a feast not to be missed for lovers of American history, fine dining, and a compelling true story well told.

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